

REMARKS:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 26, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks accompanying the above amendments. Claims 1-10, 20-26, 31-33 and 42-44 have been cancelled. Claims 11-19, 27-20, 34-41 and 45 are pending in this application

Claim Rejections 35 USC §103

Each remaining claim of the present application now calls for the graphical representation to be a three-dimensional graphical representation of the rack-mounted physical equipment. The Wolton reference is used for its alleged teaching that the view can be a three-dimensional graphical representation. Applicant respectfully submits that this is not in fact the case.

As noted in the prior response, the Wolton reference relates to organizing information received from intelligent search agents. Wolton states at paragraph 0055, *"In the graphical representation of the invention, the agent search activity is preferentially represented in a two or three-dimensional animated visual map form according to a preferential method of mapping, such as for example the so-called tree, cube, zonal and sphere display types of the present invention."* At paragraph 0057 it is made clear that the mapping being discussed is that of *"sites, pages, documents and links between them"*. Paragraph 0060 further indicates that the documents can be *"images, or music files or video, or text files or software application executables, or postscript documents, or any other specified file types of documents"*. There is no disclosed relationship to physical devices situated in an equipment rack. Example representations discussed in Wolton are depicted in Figs. 13-18. While Wolton describes some quite sophisticated methods for display of information regarding the sources of information found by intelligent agents, one learns little if anything about display of physical location of a defective or dying equipment in a rack of equipment as called for in the amended claims, and none of the representations illustrated would be of use in this regard.

Wolton teaches a mechanism for rendering a graphical abstraction of data – not a three-dimensional graphic image which corresponds to a physical location of equipment situated on an equipment rack. If Wolton's teachings are utilized, one would more likely obtain a graphical abstraction of the measured data (e.g., voltage

or temperature) without regard for any physical attributes of the equipment on which the data are measured. Hence, it is submitted that Wolton's teaching actually teach away from a rendering of physical location as taught and claimed by Applicant.

Further regarding Wolton, while varying views can be obtained using Wolton's teachings, those views are again views of abstractions of data – not three-dimensional graphic images. Accordingly, it is submitted that the proposed combination falls short of the remaining and amended claims.

The three-dimensional rendering of the actual equipment upon which measurements are being made facilitates ease of location of a faulty device, and thereby, provides substantial advantages over the two dimensional maps of the other cited references. The other references of record are also not believed to provide further teachings relevant to the claims as amended. In view of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

Concluding Remarks

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the current claims as amended are not obvious in light of the cited references. Because the combination of the references does not teach, suggest, disclose or render obvious the claims as a whole including every element of the claims, the rejections of the claims are unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are hereby requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience. Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,



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